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Dear Paul,

Thanks for your 5/12/ the good wishes and the Bill Davey article in the "Larch-
April 1966 Probe.

What all those people forget is that Garrison also charged Oswald with being
part of that conspiracy. We've never had time to talk much about that but some of
what Garrison did ~~up~~ and was going to do is beyond belief. I've no time for it now
but he was going to charge Edgar Eugene ^{Bredley} Ardaley and Robert Lee Perrin with being the
actual grassy knoll assassins to commemorate the fifth assassination anniversary. His
staff could not talk him out of that, they asked me to investigate and the report I
gave them got Garrison to back off. Instead he charged ^{Poxley} with trying to wreck
him for the CIA! *Part in Suicide 8/62!!*

In 1967 I agreed to be his "Dealey Plaza expert" at the trial. When I
learned what his case was when I conferred with those who handled it the Sunday before
they started to empanel the jury, I refused to do that, although the NY Times had me
sitting at the counsel table (I was never in the courtroom) and told them that if they
proceeded with that what plane I'd be on. I was on it.

Bundy and Russo had no credibility at all.

I have no brief for Posner or Cohnick but some of that criticism is justified.

And remember, Garrison had Shaw charged with conspiring with Oswald not with
Shaw as the assassin but with Oswald as the assassin. ^{like} Have you any notion of the number
of times Garrison said Oswald killed nobody?

It was a serious mistake on my part not to look at what case he said he had.
When I was in N.O. I worked on Oswald. I believed too long Garrison's explanation for
all the wild things he said, that he was fighting fire with fire. When I came to
realize the mistake I'd made, when my help was asked as I say above, I also believed
that the case should go to trial.

I still cannot understand why Garrison, the kind of erudite, sophisticated,
intellectual and in so many ways principled man that he was could be so crazy on
this, so utterly irresponsible.

Andrews told me those gay kids of Andrews' testimony were not with Oswald.
He had many gay clients. I was with him when got calls from some of them. He said
Oswald was with a man who was a Latin or a Mexican, I'm not now clear, and that he
was there ^{over} ~~over~~ his discharge and Marina's situation.

What Posner says about Jack Martin is true. I knew him. Undependable at best.

*Best
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